

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A hearing aid to be placed in the auditory canal of a patient, the hearing aid comprising:

a standard part to be fitted near an outside of an auditory canal, the standard part being made of rigid plastic and accommodating a microphone, an amplifier, a loudspeaker and a battery compartment; and

a dedicated part to be fitted in the auditory canal facing an eardrum of a patient, the dedicated part being adapted to specific geometry of the auditory canal of the patient,

the dedicated part being provided with sound transmission means for the transmission of sound from said loudspeaker into the auditory canal, the sound transmission means being adapted to the specific geometry of the auditory canal of the patient,

the standard part having an outer end face provided with a sound aperture for said microphone, said sound aperture being located in the center of the outer end face,

the cross section of said standard part being symmetrically oval and all elements on an end face of the standard

part being disposed in such a symmetrical arrangement that a 180 degrees rotation makes no cosmetic difference.

13-14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, wherein said angle is at least fifteen degrees.

16. (previously presented) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, wherein said angle is approximately forty-five degrees.

17. (previously presented) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, wherein the outer end face is provided with switching means on said outside.

18. (previously presented) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, wherein the outer end face is provided with connector means on said outside.

19. (currently amended) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, ~~wherein said~~ further comprising a means for removing ~~comprises~~ comprising an injection molded part connected to the standard part.

20-21. (canceled)

22. (previously presented) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, wherein said dedicated part is provided with means for removing it from the ear.

23. (previously presented) A hearing aid, comprising:
a standard part made of rigid plastic with an enclosed interior volume housing a microphone, an amplifier, a loudspeaker, and a battery compartment; and

a dedicated part shaped to fit in an auditory canal facing an eardrum of a patient, the dedicated part adapted to specific geometry of the auditory canal of the patient,

the dedicated part comprising i) sound transmitter to transmit sound from said loudspeaker into the auditory canal, the sound transmitter adapted to the specific geometry of the auditory canal of the patient, and ii) a central axis forming an angle of at least ten degrees with respect to a central axis of the standard part,

the standard part comprising i) an outer end face, and ii) a microphone sound aperture located in a center of the outer end face wherein the cross section of an outer boundary of the outer end face of the standard part is mirror symmetrical in outside end view.

24. (currently amended) A hearing aid, comprising:
a standard part enclosing electronics and a battery,
the standard part usable for both a left ear and a right
ear of a patient,

the standard part comprising an outer end face and a
microphone sound aperture located in a center of the outer end
face; and

a dedicated part only containing a sound channel
functioning as a sound transmitter, an exterior surface of the
dedicated part adapted to the specific geometry of an auditory
canal of one of the left and right ear of the patient, ~~and (ii)~~

the dedicated part shaped to fit in an auditory canal
facing an eardrum of a patient, the dedicated part adapted to
specific geometry of the auditory canal of the patient,

the dedicated part having a central axis forming an
angle of at least ten degrees with respect to a central axis of the
standard part,

the standard part being mirror symmetrical in an end
view and all elements on an end face of the standard part being
disposed in such a symmetrical arrangement that a 180 degrees
rotation makes no cosmetic difference.

25. (previously presented) The hearing aid of claim 24,
wherein,

the dedicated part is an internal part and the standard part is an external part, and

the internal part comprises a connecting part connecting the internal part to the external part.

26. (previously presented) The hearing aid of claim 24, wherein,

the dedicated part is an internal part and the standard part is an external part, and

the standard part accommodates all the electronics and a battery, the electronics comprising a microphone, an amplifier, and a loudspeaker within an enclosed volume.

27. (previously presented) The hearing aid of claim 24, further comprising:

a pull rod connected to the standard part housing, the pull rod to remove the hearing aid from the auditory canal.

28. (previously presented) The hearing aid of claim 24, further comprising:

a switch located on the outer end face.

29. (currently amended) The hearing aid of claim 28, further comprising:

[[a]] an adjusting facility located on the outer end face, the microphone sound aperture located intermediate the switch and the adjusting facility.

30. (canceled)

31. (previously presented) The hearing aid of claim 12, wherein the standard part is provided with means for removing said hearing aid from the auditory canal.

32. (previously presented) The hearing aid of claim 12, wherein the standard part has a central axis forming an angle of at least 10 degrees with respect to a central axis of the standard part.

33. (previously presented) The hearing aid of claim 12, wherein the cross section of an outer boundary of the end face of the standard part is mirror symmetrical in outside end view.